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☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability.

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Miss. Waack on 12/14/06.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claims 1-11 and 23-26 have been canceled.

On line 3 of claims 17 and 33, "diphasic" has been changed to --biphasic--.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art of record does not disclose or render obvious a process for catalyzing a chemical process by using (1) a catalyst comprising a polystyrene copolymer comprising a first styrene monomer and a second styrene monomer, wherein the first styrene monomer is substituted with one or more catalytically active functional groups and the second styrene monomer is substituted with one or more lipophilic groups as called for in claim 12 and (2) a catalyst comprising catalytically active functional group bound to polyisobutylene as called for in claim 27. During the process, the catalyst and substrates are in a latent biphasic solvent that is switchable between a monophasic and biphasic as called for in the claims. The closest art of record - Bergbreiter et al article (J. Am. Chem Soc. 2000, 122, 9058-9064) discloses a process which is operated in the presence of a

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biphasic catalysis system. However, the article does disclose using a catalyst as called for in the claims.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thuan D. Dang whose telephone number is 571-272-1445. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thu.

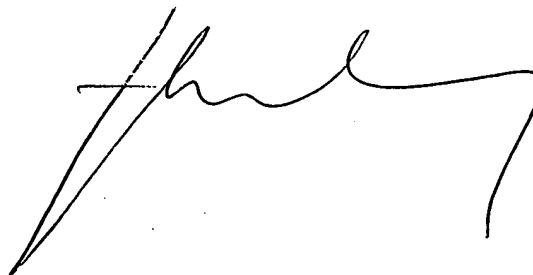
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Glenn Caldarola can be reached on 571-272-1444. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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